
THE ACTS CHURCH 2:42
"EXPERIENCE REAL CHURCH"

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TEXT: JOSHUA 5:1-15 KJV

And it came to pass, when all the kings of the Amorites, which were on the side of Jordan westward, and all the kings of the Canaanites, which were by the sea, heard that the LORD had dried up the waters of Jordan from before the children of Israel, until we were passed over, that their heart melted, neither was there spirit in them any more, because of the children of Israel. (2) At that time the LORD said unto Joshua, Make thee sharp knives, and circumcise again the children of Israel the second time. (3) And Joshua made him sharp knives, and circumcised the children of Israel at the hill of the foreskins. (4) And this is the cause why Joshua did circumcise: All the people that came out of Egypt, that were males, even all the men of war, died in the wilderness by the way, after they came out of Egypt. (5) Now all the people that came out were circumcised: but all the people that were born in the wilderness by the way as they came forth out of Egypt, them they had not circumcised. (6) For the children of Israel walked forty years in the wilderness, till all the people that were men of war, which came out of Egypt, were consumed, because they obeyed not the voice of the LORD: unto whom the LORD sware that he would not shew them the land, which the LORD sware unto their fathers that he would give us, a land that floweth with milk and honey. (7) And their children, whom he raised up in their stead, them Joshua circumcised: for they were uncircumcised, because they had not circumcised them by the way. (8) And it came to pass, when they had done circumcising all the people, that they abode in their places in the camp, till they were whole.

INTRO: THE CAPTAIN OF THE LORD'S HOSTS

The Kings of Canaan's heart melted

The Red Sea was like a highway with a wall on either side –

the Jordan was a wall on one side and completely dried up on the other

Remember what Rahab had told the spies

Joshua 2:9-11 KJV

And she said unto the men, I know that the LORD hath given you the land, and that your ***terror is fallen upon us***, and that ***all the inhabitants of the land faint because of you***. (10) For ***we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red sea for you***, when ye came out of Egypt; ***and what ye did unto the two kings of the Amorites***, that were on the other side Jordan, Sihon and Og, whom ye utterly destroyed. (11) And as soon as we had heard these things, ***our hearts did melt, neither did there remain any more courage in any man, because of you: for the LORD your God, he is God in heaven above, and in earth beneath***.

The Kings of Canaan's heart melted **– Why? – Because of what God has done for you!**

Joshua 5:1 KJV

And it came to pass, when all the kings of the Amorites, which were on the side of Jordan westward, and all the kings of the Canaanites, which were by the sea, ***heard that the LORD had*** dried up the waters of Jordan from before the children of Israel, until we were passed over, that their heart melted, neither was there spirit in them any more, because of the children of Israel.

I. God Called the Nation to Revival

Joshua 5:2 KJV

At that time the LORD said unto Joshua, Make thee sharp knives, and circumcise again the children of Israel the second time.

They are to re-establish the sign of the covenant – **circumcision (this put them at risk militarily)** ((not only were their parents ***guilty of not trusting God*** and taking the Promised Land but they also ***had not taught their children to obey God*** through they sign of their covenant by way of circumcision))

Forty years they have wandered in the Wilderness of Sin
The judgment of God has been fulfilled
God desires sweet fellowship with every one of the children of Israel

God never changes His way – ***Re-Establish That Relationship!***

II. GOD BLESSES THEM FOR OBEDIENCE 5:9

JOSHUA 5:9-12 KJV

And the LORD said unto Joshua, ***This day have I rolled away the reproach of Egypt from off you***. Wherefore the name of the place is called Gilgal unto this day. (10) And the children of Israel encamped in Gilgal, and kept the passover on the fourteenth day of the month at even in the plains of Jericho. (11) And they did eat of the old corn of the land on the morrow after the passover, unleavened cakes, and parched corn in the selfsame day. (12) And the manna ceased on the morrow after they had eaten of the old corn of the land; neither had the children of Israel manna any more; but they did eat of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year.

The children of Israel then kept Passover **(again this put them at risk militarily, showing their complete trust in God …)**
and the manna ceased

III. THE CAPTAIN OF THE LORD'S HOST

THE COMMANDER OF ANGEL ARMIES

2 KINGS 6:15-17 KJV

And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do? (16) And he answered, Fear not: for ***they that be with us are more than they that be with them***. (17) And Elisha prayed, and said, ***LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see***. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and ***he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha***.

Jericho might have appeared out of reach because of the walls but when God shows up!!!!!!!

He does not come to direct the armies of the children of Israel…

But To Direct The Armies of Angel s

Joshua falls on his face to worship and this Heavenly Visitor allows it!

Jesus is God before the foundation of the earth…
Walking in the Garden
In the burning bush
In the fiery furnace
In the lion's den
And the Captain of the Lord's Hosts

"And, Lo, I Am With You Always,
Even Unto The End Of The World. Amen."

JESUS

He is calling you and me to Revival – Re-Establish our Intimacy with Him!

God always blesses those who are obedient

No matter what you are going through…

HE IS THE CAPTAIN OF THE LORD'S HOSTS